

I am horrified to find out that the FCC is considering loosening the rules regarding how many stations a single company can own in general, and in a specific market. The results from loosening restrictions in 1996 have resulted in watered down homogeneous programming content, especially on the radio. Local programming of unique content and nature has suffered dramatically.

In addition to these concerns, the opportunity and tendency to alter media messages to coincide with business or political agendas will be dramatically increased with increased industry concentration and aggregation. The impact of irresponsible journalism will be greatly increased.

In short, the rules governing how many stations a company can own should be tightened, not loosened. Please vote responsibly, and in the public interest Today, and vote to continue to restrict the number of stations a company can own.

Sincerely,

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